

Lic Type	1021	PMV Professional Individual Occup	Status	90	Closed	On	10/08/2007
Complaint #	2007045488	Docket #	Disposition	100	No Action Taken	On	09/26/2007
Respondent	LAMBERT, GLADYS I		Responsible	TONER, STEVE		Public Case	

Complaint | Respondent | Complainant | Parties | Allegations | Costs | Time Tracking

Source	INTN	Internal
Form	INTR	Internal
Class'n	IV-E	Other
Security	STND	Standard
Region	CR	Central Region

Security Level	1
Priority	2
Incident	07/14/2007 03
Received	08/14/2007 02
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- Violations
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- Compliance
- Related
- History
- Inspection
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Reference

Summary
 152-Sanford-Orlando Kennel Club
 Incident Report / NOV: Animal Neglect
 Incident Date: 7/14/07, 7/27/07
 07/14/07: An inspection of the Respondent's kennel found it to be filthy, tick and flea infested and smelled so bad that the Presiding Judge had to leave. Track Manager Tom Bowersox was contacted and he had a fan sent over to air out the kennel. The

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State of Florida-Department of Business and Professional Regulation
 Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering
 Investigations Section
Case Control Report

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Complaint Number: 2007045488	File Title: LAMBERT, GLADYS I.	Date Opened: 08/14/07	
License Number: 8069503	Profession Code: 1021	Profession/Industry: Trainer / Greyhound	
Date of Birth: 11/02/81	Federal Tax Number: [REDACTED]	Work Phone: Home Phone:	
Address: 632 San Lanta Circle			
City: Sanford	State: Florida	Zip Code: 32771	
Alt. Address:			
Region: Central	Facility: Sanford-Orlando Kennel Club	Facility Number: 152	
Org Code: BI	Class: 1D	Investigator: Stephen E. Toner	
Source/Complainant: BI / Stephen E. Toner		Alleged Violation: Animal Cruelty Statute(s)/Rule(s): 550.0251 (11)	
Sample Number:	Lab Number:	Animal Name(s): Drug(s):	
Basis For Investigation: Verbal complaints were received stating that the dogs were not being properly cared for.			
Administrative Action:	Date E-Mailed:	Date Signed:	
Date to Respondent:	Date Served:	Date Hrg. Requested:	
Type of Hearing:	Hrg Package Sent:	Hearing Date:	Attorney:
F/O E-Mailed:	F/O Signed:	F/O Mailed:	F/O Served:

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Complied with Requirements:	
Unproven:	Dismissed:
Lack of Jurisdiction:	
Referral to Another Agency:	
No Action Taken:	
Legally Insufficient:	Legally Sufficient:
License Comment:	
Other:	

Final Order Type:	Date:
J/S Ruling #:	Fine: Paid:
Closing Order:	Date:
Consent Order:	Date:
License Revoked:	Reinstated:
License Suspended:	
Waiver Granted:	Denied:
Date Closed:	

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OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Office: P M W /	Region: Central	Date of Complaint: 08/14/07	Case Number: 2007045488
Respondent: LAMBERT, GLADYS I. 632 San Lanta Circle Sanford, Florida 32771		Complainant: STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION DIVISION OF PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING	
License #: 8069503	Profession: 1021	Board: 100	Report Date: 09/07/07
Period of Investigation: July 14, 2007 Through September 7, 2007		Type of Report: Final	
Alleged Violation: 550.0251 (11): The division shall supervise and regulate the welfare of racing animals at Pari-Mutuel facilities. 61D-6.002 (1): The trainer of record shall be responsible for and be the absolute insurer of the condition of the horses or racing greyhounds, he/she enters to race. Trainers, kennel owners, and operators are presumed to know the rules of the division.			
Synopsis: 07/14/07: I received a call from S.O.K.C. Chief Inspector Joe Boissonneault that there were several new Trainers-of-Record at several kennels and rumor was that they were not treating the dogs properly.			
Related Case:			
Investigator / Date <i>Steph E. Tom</i> 09/07/07		Approved By / Date <i>[Signature]</i> 10/8/07	
Distribution:			

CONTINUATION

I arrived at the track at approximately 12:30 P.M. and was met by Chief Inspector Boissonneault and S.O.K.C. Guard Supervisor Bob Dodge (EX 1). We went to the kennel compound and checked two of the kennels in question and found them to be in good condition with well-kept greyhounds.

At approximately 2 PM we went to PRUETT KENNEL (EX 2) and found the track maintenance crew working on the air conditioning system. Because there were no kennel representatives present we opted to wait for their return.

Around 4PM a truck arrived at the kennel. A trainer from another kennel, who wished to remain anonymous at this time, drove it. He stated that the two new trainers for PRUETT KENNEL (formerly run by Stephen Williams (EX 3)) were not working over the weekend and he was just picking up and delivering dogs for them.

He said that the dogs he was returning to the kennel were full of ticks and not well taken care of. This was missed by Robert Walton, D.V.M. (EX 4) at the track weigh-in and post-time veterinary inspections; the dogs did have ticks and fleas. He invited us in to inspect the kennel. When we entered, the outrageous stench of ammonia was overpowering. Its source was from the urine on the carpets that had not been cleaned from the dogs that had not been let out of their cages.

I called Track Manager Tom Bowersox (EX 5) and reported the situation. He immediately sent the maintenance man over with a large fan to clear the air and adjust the air conditioning for the dog's comfort. He assured me that he would see that the dogs were let out and taken care of. He also said that he would be "talking" to the new trainer, GLADYS LAMBERT (EX 6). He has come through in the past so I had no doubt that he would act immediately.

The large fan arrived and the kennel was tolerable by the time we left we left for the track at 4:05 PM.

07/18/07: I spoke to Presiding Judge Donny Marino (EX 7) at the track. He stated that he went to the kennel on Monday, July 16 and supervised the initial cleaning of the kennel. He stated that he will be returning there on Saturday July 21 for a follow-up inspection.

Tom Bowersox stated that the kennel was left in deplorable condition by its former Trainer Stephen Williams (cases pending). The new trainers, relatively new to the industry, were overwhelmed by what they found. However, he could not explain why they were not cleaning the kennel cleaning over the weekend. He believes that the oversights will not be repeated. Because we have no rules or statutes covering this kind of animal treatment there is no violation and the case is closed.

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INCIDENT REPORT

Incident Type: Animal Neglect

Date of Report: August 1, 2007

Investigator: Stephen E. Toner

Date of Incident: July 27, 2007

Time of Incident: 4 PM

Location: Sanford-Orlando Kennel Club

Complainant: Stephen E. Toner (See Incident Report dated 07/09/07)

Report:

07/27/07: At approximately 6 AM I received a call from a Confidential Informant that there had been a vicious dog fight in the Pruett Kennel turnout pen. One dog was seriously injured. Several kennel operators helped the trainer helper Lauriann Gray (EX 1) break up the riot.

Suncoast Kennel Trainer Debbie Williamson took possession of the injured dog because Ms. Gray did not know what to do for the animal. Ms. Williamson allegedly took the greyhound to the track Veterinarian who allegedly said that the dog would recover and did not need stitches for the rip in its throat.

The informant stated that the Pruett Kennel was a mess and smelled of urine ammonia. I spoke to another trainer who had been the kennel and this assessment of the kennel 's Lack of cleanliness was confirmed.

I contacted S.O.K.C. Presiding Judge Donny Marino and asked if he had followed up on his promise to see that the Pruett Kennel would be cleaned and free of the noxious ammonia smell. He said that he returned to the kennel once since last week and it was not cleaned as promised; he accepted another promise to have it cleaned by Monday, July 23.

I told him of my 6 AM phone call but refused to divulge the name of the caller – several times. I asked him to accompany me on an inspection of the Pruett Kennel to verify that his orders to clean the kennel had been carried out by Pruett employees.

I met Presiding Judge Marino and Associate Judge Tom Tedesco at the Kennel Compound entrance and proceeded to the Pruett Kennel. When we entered the stench of urine ammonia was startling. The kennel was filthy and the dogs were tick infested. The dirt was thick under the cages, the walls were grungy and the stink was unhealthy and noxious.

Judge Marino told Helper Gray that he wanted the kennel clean by next Monday, July 30. The order was all but ignored. I told Ms. Gray that the tick infestation was animal abuse and the filthy kennel and kitchen was animal neglect. I said that I would return on Monday also and would take serious action if the kennel was not spotless and the ticks were not gone. Hopefully, the reputation of other states laws will make her believe that we can actually do something.

I asked to inspect her medicine cabinet and freezer and received permission to do so. Judge Marino then stated that he could not stand the smell any longer and had to get out of the kennel. He asked Ms. Gray how she could stand it and she said that she could leave in a little bit -- those greyhounds can't.

Outside Judge Marino said that he would tell Manager Tom Bowersox about the kennel. I suggested that he could have his maintenance department clean the kennel properly and withhold the costs for it from the kennel's purse. He said he would tell Mr. Bowersox.

After they left I went to Suncoast Kennel to see the injured dog. Trainer Debbie Williamson said that Gold Coast Animal Rescue came on her request and took the greyhound to Markham Woods Veterinary Hospital for treatment.

I telephoned Gold Coast Representative Judy Sham and learned that the greyhound had injuries to the shoulder, neck and throat. It was to be kept there overnight, returned to them tomorrow and petted out thereafter because the throat injuries would make it an unlikely candidate for racing.

07/27/07: I met Presiding Judge Marino and Associate Judge Tedesco at the Pruett Kennel entrance at 10 AM. We entered the kennel to find Helper Gray sweeping the floor in the kennel area; her infant was seated on top of the freezer in a plastic baby carrier. There was a strong smell of urine ammonia but it was not nearly as bad as on Friday. The floor was still covered with dust balls that she was sweeping to a pile. Judge Marino claimed that she did a good job of cleaning the kennel walls and floor but I disagree with his assessment. Although the kennel was in better condition than on the previous Friday it was still far below acceptable standards. Another inspection will be made in the near future.

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INCIDENT REPORT

Incident Type: Animal Neglect

Date of Report: July 19, 2007

Investigator: Stephen E. Toner

Date of Incident: July 14, 2007

Time of Incident: 4 P.M.

Location: Sanford-Orlando Kennel Club

Complainant: Stephen E. Toner

Report:

Saturday, 07/14/07: I received a call from S.O.K.C. Chief Inspector Joe Boissonneault that there were several new Trainers-of-Record at several kennels and rumor was that they were not treating the dogs properly.

I arrived at the track at approximately 12:30 P.M. and was met by Chief Inspector Boissonneault and S.O.K.C. Guard Supervisor Bob Dodge. We went to the kennel compound and checked two of the kennels in question and found them to be in good condition with well-kept greyhounds.

At approximately 2 PM we went to Pruett Kennel and found the track maintenance crew working on the air conditioning system. Because there were no kennel representatives present we opted to wait for their return.

Around 4PM a truck arrived at the kennel. Shea, a trainer from another kennel, drove it. He stated that the two new trainers for Pruett Kennel (formerly run by Stephen Williams) were not working over the weekend and he was just picking up and delivering dogs for them.

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The kennel was tolerable when we left for the track at 4:05 PM.

07/18/07: I spoke to Presiding Judge Donny Marino at the track. He stated that he went to the kennel on Monday, July 16 and supervised the initial cleaning of the kennel. He stated that he will be returning there on Saturday July 21 for a follow-up inspection – me too.

Tom Bowersox stated that the kennel was left in deplorable condition by its former Trainer Stephen Williams (cases pending). The new trainers, relatively new to the industry, were overwhelmed by what they found – that did not explain why they were not at the kennel cleaning it. He believes that the derelictions will not be repeated.

Because we have no rules or statutes covering this kind of animal treatment there is no violation and we must rely on the track personnel to make it right.


Stephen E. Toner